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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Security Agency
FROM : NFIB Secretariat
SUBJECT : Paragraph Security Markings
REFERENCES : A. NFIB-9.1/30, dated 16 June 1977, same subject.
B. NSA Memo, dated 29 June 1977, same subject.

1. Reference A requested NFIB members to comment on a proposal on paragraph security markings. NSA's response of 29 June 1977 states that paragraph marking is fundamentally unsound and should be rejected.

2. As you are aware, the 17 May 1972 NSC implementing directive to E.O. 11652 states that whenever a classified document contains either more than one security classification category or unclassified information, each section, part, or paragraph should be marked to the extent practicable to show its classification category or that it is unclassified.

3. The current PRM-29 group is proposing to tighten up the provisions for paragraph security marking as set forth in E.O. 11652.

4. In order that NSA comments and suggestions can be considered in a redraft of Reference A, it is requested you reconsider the total rejection of the concept of paragraph security marking.

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